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(CIA BRIEFING)

WASHINGTON--DIRECTOR JOHN MCCONE OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY TODAY BRIEFED THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE ON WHAT ITS CHAIRMAN DESCRIBED AS "THE WORLD SITUATION."

MCCONE'S APPEARANCE WAS PART OF THE COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL HEARINGS ON THE MILITARY "POSTURE" OF THE NATION.

CHAIRMAN L. MENDEL RIVERS, D-S.C., SAID THE SECRET SESSION WAS "QUITE INFORMATIVE" BUT BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVE MATERIAL DISCUSSED, HE COULD NOT GO INTO DETAILS.

RIVERS, HOWEVER, DID OFFER ONE GENERAL CONCLUSION AS A RESULT OF THE BRIEFING.

"WE DON'T HAVE ANY REASON NOT TO KEEP OUR DEFENSES AT THEIR BEST AND IN TIP TOP QUALITY," HE TOLD REPORTERS.

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